# ADA Advisory Committee Meetings Minutes March 7, 2012

The Jackson ADA Advisory Council meeting was held in the Hood Bldg. Members attending were: Lee Cole, Chairperson; Rev. Sam Gleese, City ADA Coordinator; Dr. Scott Crawford (Ward 7), Dr. Christy Dunaway (LIFE & Ward 1,) Karen Robinson (JATRAN), Lynn Hill and Jason Bunch. Others attending were: Mayor Harvey Johnson, Jr., Catherine Lee (Mayor's Office), Theo Letman (JATRAN General Manager), Azande Williams (Deputy City Attorney), Dewayne Cheatham (JATRAN Director of Operations), Carl Allen (Deputy Director of Planning & Development), Attorney Kay Hardage (Disability Rights of MS), Captain Johnnie L. McDonald (JFD), Deputy Chief Lindsey Horton (JPD), Linda Myers (Brain Injury Association), Ollie Lester (Addie McBride), Patrina Pendarvis.

- I. Lee Cole called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.
- II. Members and guests introduced themselves.
- III. Minutes of the November & December 2011 Meetings were read by Dr.Christy Dunaway. Both minutes were approved with the necessary corrections.

#### **Old Business**

IV. Mayor Johnson thanked the Council for their hard work and efforts. He acknowledged the presence of City Staff. He stated that the budget for curb cuts, sidewalks, etc. was increased from \$50K to \$200K and a budget for improvements was included. Dr. Crawford made the statement that there was a need to prioritize items for the budget and the Mayor appreciated the fact that the Council understood that items need to be prioritized. The Mayor had to leave to honor another engagement.

### V. Updates

Lee Cole stated for the record that our meeting in January was replaced by the Public Hearing on the Transition Plan. In February the Chair was out of town.

The Public Rights-of-Way Sub-committee for the ADA Advisory Council, Dr. Crawford & Dr. Dunnaway collaborated with Public Works (Robert Lee and George Ewing) concerning street/sidewalk consultation—working with Neal Schaffer. The consultations were on the following projects: Lakeland Drive (near St. Dominic's and University Medical Center), Northwest Street, High and Spangler Streets. Dr. Crawford stated that they were not asked to consult on the Fortification Street Project that after two (2) years is finally getting started. However, Rev. Gleese reminded him of a limited consultation on the minimum clearance for sidewalk obstacles (36 inches). This took place over two years prior.

Rev. Gleese stated that he was trying to get Thelman Boyd to attend the next meeting for updates on the Code Red system. The registration form for Code Red is to be reviewed to determine if it is inclusive of the disability community.

#### New Business

VI. Dr. Crawford stated that the Council should write a recommendation to create certain conditions for the taxi fare increase that is going before the city council. The taxi service does not have equal accessibility for the disabled community. Each time that Dr. Crawford attempted to use the handicapped accessible van it was a problem. It was motioned and seconded that the Council adopt the motion. The following motion was approved unanimously: That taxicab fare increases be made "Contingent upon a demonstrated track record of providing equivalent services to people with disabilities, including those that need lift/ramp equipped vehicles". The ADA specifies that "equivalent" means that people with disabilities have the same fares, geographic area of service, hours/days of service, response times, reservation capability, availability of information, service availability, etc.

Deputy Chief Horton stated that the JPD is assisting in everyway possible with the movement of wheelchairs traveling in the streets. Deputy Chief Horton stated that they will continue to assist in any transportation issue when needed. He also informed us that even though there are few disabled individuals being arrested, every accommodation is given to them.

VII. Johnnie McDonald (JFD) informed us that the department continually improves any situation dealing with the disabled community.

## VIII. <u>Announcements</u>

- a) Election of a Chair person for 2012 will be conducted during the April's meeting. All recommendations should be forwarded to Rev. Sam Gleese.
- b) We are still searching for representatives from Wards three and four, a veteran, and a representative from the deaf community.
- c) The Handilift Advisory Committee Meeting is to be rescheduled to March 28, 2012 due to JATRAN contract negotiations with their Union on March 21st.

The next meeting of the ADA Advisory Council will be held on April 4, 2012 @ 1:00 p.m., in the Hood Bldg. This meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm. These Minutes were written by Karen Robinson and Dr. Scott Crawford.

On April 04, 2012, these Minutes were approved by this Council with a unanimous vote of the members present.